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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY MAY 15-17, 2004

This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for May 15-17, 2004. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

#### POLITICAL, SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS

Ozgur Gundem, Evrensel / The Agri Governorate proposed that only villagers with approved passes go up to the Buyuk Agri and Kucuk Agri mountains.

Cumhuriyet / Two people died and four were lost during the flood in Antakya. The Antakya Governor warned residents not to drink tap water until further notice.

Zaman / The Ministry of Agriculture announced that the land-mined area along Syrian-Turkish Border will be used to grow organic tomatoes and cucumbers.

#### ECONOMIC

Zaman, Turkiye / A team of 24 Italian businessmen visited Adana to develop economic relations with the Adana business community. The group visited the Adana Chamber of Commerce.

#### CULTURE and TOURISM

Vakit / Gaziantep Museum, closed for over 10 weeks, reopened.

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